Amendment of Electricity Act

1472. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce a liability clause in the Electricity Act in order to make the electricity boards liable to pay compensation for the damage caused to user's equipment due to faulty power supply; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised electric connections

1473. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some unauthorised godowns in Alipur, North Delhi have taken electricity illegally from a tubewell nearby and when it was brought to the notice of DESU, no action was taken;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action is contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excise duty on PTA

1474. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1238 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DMT and PTA are both raw materials for polyester;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have imposed excise duty of 15 per cent on PTA which is imported and whereas no duty has been imposed on DMT which is manufactured in India; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether his Ministry propose to take up the matter with the Ministry of Finance to remove the excise duty on PTA which is discriminatory in relation to DMT or impose on both on equal footing so that Government may get more revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) DMT and PTA are both raw materials for manufacture of polyester.

(b) Imported PTA does not attract excise duty.

(c) The matter has been taken up with Ministry of Finance.

Factors responsible for DMT price hike

1475. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2531 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state the prices of major raw materials and the rates of power tariff separately in January, 1985 and September, 1985 which resulted in the hike in the prices of DMT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): The prices of major raw materials and the rates of power tariff separately in January 1985 and Sep-